

Church of the Holy Spirit
Manse Road, Mossley



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From the Rectory Study

Very often my thoughts are drawn to the evening of Wednesday 23rd August 2017. This was when I was instituted as Incumbent of Mossley Parish and in a few weeks I will commence my ninth year as Rector. I find it hard to believe how quickly time has passed and I am thankful to God for His many blessings and continued guidance. We have journeyed through the best of times as well as moments of great challenge, yet God has remained faithful.

As I look towards the future I do so with a sense of optimism and excitement. There are many encouraging signs in the life of Mossley Parish and these do indeed encourage me on a daily basis. For example, the Parish bulletin and this Parish magazine both highlight the sustained busyness of Mossley Parish. Quite often people from other parishes comment to me about the range of organisations that we have. As this continues to develop and deepen, the Select Vestry has been focused on the renovation of the Minor Hall. This has been on the agenda of each Vestry meeting for just over three years and countless hours have been spent on plans and other preparations. I would like to express my sincere thanks to all who have worked with such dedication in relation to this project.

In April 2022, at our Easter General Vestry meeting, I presented the initial plans for the proposed renovation of the Minor Hall. At that stage the cost of the project was set at £136,926. Since then, the Select Vestry have worked in partnership with architects, a structural engineer and a quantity surveyor to establish the best and most feasible way forward. Any proposed work must stop the ingress of water in the Minor Hall, increase the capacity of our Parish facilities, encourage increased rental income, and enable the continued development of our mission and ministry. After much deliberation, a revised scheme of works has been produced and the estimated cost is now £49,000.

Undoubtedly, this is a significant sum of money but I believe that it is achievable. The Select Vestry have been wise and prudent with our finances and this has led to a surplus of income over expenditure for each of the past three years. As we embark on this renovation project, we will explore all possible sources of grant aid and we will engage in fundraising. In the first instance, we will be having a special appeal during our harvest weekend (3rd – 5th October). This will take the form of a Gift Day and we would be deeply appreciative of your continued support and generosity. Further details will be in the next magazine.

Recently I was reading about Elijah in 1st Kings 16-18 and I was reminded just how brilliantly God provide for Elijah's needs. It was essential, however, that Elijah was faithful to God and that he trusted God completely. The Lord's Prayer also reminds us that we should look to God to provide for our needs (Matthew 6:11). As such, let me encourage all of us to unite in prayer as we step out in faith with this renovation project.

I hope that you have a blessed summer.

Your friend and Rector,

Peter Jones

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

3 rd June	Harry Jackson	7 Fairview Drive / Ardrigh Fold
6 th June	Terry Casey	11 Woodford Manor
18 th June	Grainne Sloan	15 Mill Church Manor

SUMMER EVENING SERVICES

Please note that there will be no evening services during July but they will resume at 6pm on Sunday 3rd August.

MEMORY LANE

Our Memory Lane service for people living with dementia, their carers, friends and family will be held in the church building on the first Thursday of each month (except July) beginning at 2.30pm.

ONLINE SERVICES

Although we are meeting for in-church worship on Sundays, Online Services and Bible Studies will still be available. You can find these on:

1. The Parish Facebook Page.
2. The Parish Website (www.mossley.org)
3. YouTube (www.youtube.com). On YouTube simply search for Church of the Holy Spirit Mossley and this will lead you to the videos.
4. For an audio service telephone 02893270073. Calls will be charged at a local rate but for many people will be included in your call package.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday

9am Holy Communion

11am Morning Service

6pm Evening Service

The particular services for each week, at 11am and 6pm, are outlined on Page 4 of this magazine.

Wednesday

We have a short service of Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10am. This usually lasts thirty minutes.

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Leeanne Kelly	Jim Sloan

Sunday Services and Lesson Readers

Sunday 6th July Third Sunday After Trinity 11am Morning Prayer	NT	Luke 10:1-11	Eugene Marron
Sunday 13th July Fourth Sunday After Trinity 11am Holy Communion	OT G	Amos 7:7-17 Luke 10:25-37	Albert Patterson Preacher
Sunday 20th July Fifth Sunday After Trinity 11am Service Of The Word	NT	Luke 10:38-42	Bob Lee
Sunday 27th July Sixth Sunday After Trinity 11am Morning Prayer	OT	Hosea 1:2-10	Maureen McCrea
Sunday 3rd August Seventh Sunday After Trinity 11am Morning Prayer	NT	Colossians 3:1-11	Pamela Marron
6pm Evening Prayer	NT	Mark 6:45-52	Jacqui Eccles
Sunday 10th August Eighth Sunday After Trinity 11am Holy Communion	OT G	Isaiah 1:10-20 Luke 12:32-40	Kay Thompson Preacher
6pm Compline	NT	Mark 7:24-30	Winifred Clarke
Sunday 17th August Ninth Sunday After Trinity 11am Service of the Word	OT	Isaiah 5:1-7	Julie Parkinson
6pm Healing Service	NT	2 nd Corinthians 8:1-9	Caroline Rogan
Sunday 24th August Tenth Sunday After Trinity 11am Morning Prayer	OT	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Jacqui Eccles
6pm Service of the Word	NT	Matthew 21:28-32	Bob Lee
Sunday 31st August Eleventh Sunday After Trinity 11am Healing Service	NT	Luke 14:7-14	Harry Brolly
6pm Holy Communion	OT G	Isaiah 33:13-22 John 3:22-36	Jacqui Eccles Preacher
Sunday 7th September Twelfth Sunday After Trinity 11am Morning Prayer	NT	Luke 14:25-33	Adam Parkinson
6pm Evening Prayer	NT	Philemon 1-21	Winifred Clarke

Holiday Bible Club 2025

We are really looking forward to our Holiday Bible Club which, this year, is called *Deep Sea Divers*.

Deep Sea Divers will begin on Monday 18th August and continue until Thursday 21st August. As ever, there will also be a family fun night with BBQ and inflatables on Friday 22nd August.

Each night we will meet at 6.15pm in the Parish Centre and finish up at 7.30pm. During the week we will be looking at some stories from Matthew's Gospel and the children will learn about Jesus and His amazing love. We will also play games, take part in challenges and learn more about the Bible. We always have great fun together!



Our Holiday Bible Club is for all children of primary school age. We kindly ask that all children wishing to attend should be pre-registered. Registration forms will be available from our website (www.mossley.org) and can also be downloaded from our Parish Facebook page. **Registration for this particular event will go live from Monday 30th June.**

Please spread the word to others about this exciting week planned for young people in the Parish Centre.

Community Lunches

We met for the final time before the summer break on Wednesday 11th June and we enjoyed some sandwiches, sausage rolls and traybakes. Many thanks to everyone who has supported the Community Lunches during the past year.

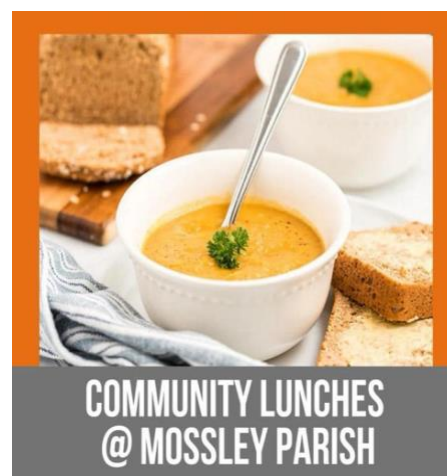
After the summer break, we will recommence the Community Lunches on Wednesday 10th September. We will continue as before on the second and fourth Wednesday in the month from 12noon until 2pm. The cost will be £4.

We look forward to seeing everyone in September.

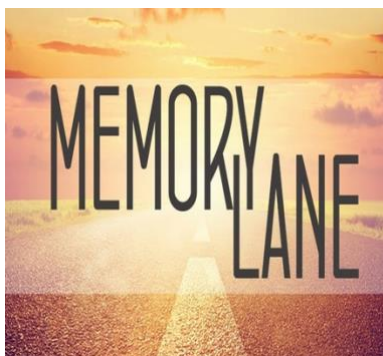
Enjoy your break.

Kay Thompson – 07969835916

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Memory Lane



We give thanks that our dementia-friendly church service, Memory Lane, has celebrated two years of growth. It provides a welcoming, inclusive and safe worship space for those living with dementia, their carers, family and friends.

There won't be a service in July but we meet again on Thursday 7th August at 2.30pm. Future dates for your diary are: 4th September, 2nd October, 6th November and 4th December.

Please do spread the word about Memory Lane. Everyone who comes along will be made very welcome. Have a blessed July and we look forward to worshipping together in August.

Rev Louise

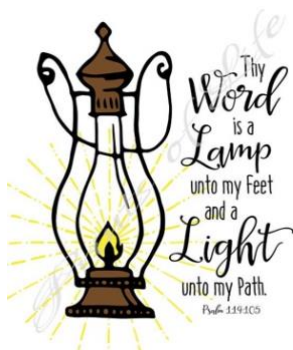
Spring Fair

On Saturday 17th May we hosted our annual Spring Fair. From 10am until 1pm there was plenty for all the family to engage with and enjoy. We would like to offer our sincere thanks to the organising committee for their hard work and oversight. Thanks are also due to all the parishioners and parish organisations who offered such generous support. There was a range of different stalls and activities, and we were (once again) blessed with glorious sunshine.



It was wonderful to see the Parish Centre so busy and we were pleased to have raised £2336. Well done to everyone!

Guild of Lesson Readers



The reading rota for the next two months can be found on page 4 of this magazine. Any changes to allocated readings can be made by speaking to either of the churchwardens.

We are always on the lookout for more readers! If you would be interested in reading lessons during church services, even if you have done so before, please speak to either the Rector or Rev Louise.

Prayer Fellowship



Summer is a time of relaxation, adventure and connection. Whether you're travelling to new destinations, spending time with loved ones, or simply enjoying the slower pace of life, this season offers a unique opportunity to pause and reflect. Amidst the sunshine and laughter, prayer can serve as a powerful anchor, grounding us in gratitude, mindfulness and purpose.

Summer often brings simple moments of joy - the sunshine, beach days, warm evenings, the aroma of flowers and vegetation, the laughter of children playing outdoors. During this time, prayer can be a way to express gratitude for all of these blessings. Whether it's a simple "thank you" whispered under a starry sky, a heartfelt prayer of appreciation for the beauty of nature, or time cherished spent with family and friends, acknowledging the good in our lives can deepen our sense of contentment.

While summer is often associated with rest, it can also become surprisingly busy - planning trips, hosting gatherings (especially BBQs), or managing children's activities. Prayer can be a moment of calm amidst the chaos, a chance to pause and reconnect with your inner self and God. Even a few minutes of quiet reflection can bring clarity and peace.

Summer is also a time of connection, as we gather with family, friends, church family and community. Prayer can be a way to hold others in your heart, offering support and love even when you're apart. Whether you're praying for safe travels, good health, or simply joy for those you care about, these moments of intercession can strengthen your bonds.



The slower pace of summer can also be a time for personal growth and spiritual renewal. So why not use this season to reflect on your goals, values and your relationship with Jesus. Through prayer, seek guidance, find clarity and renew your sense of purpose in His service.

As we rest in the cooling shade of the Lord's presence, may our prayers this summer be so guided and also reflect the world around us seeking the grace of peace, compassion, understanding and love, in our lives, our church, our community, our nation and the world.

Parish Magazine (September / October 2025)

We plan to have the next edition of the Parish Magazine ready for release on Sunday 7th September. Could all articles and notices please be with the Rector before Monday 1st September? It would be great to have a wide variety of articles and photos from all parish organisations.

Bowling Club

Does anyone remember the film *The Field Of Dreams*? It starred Kevin Costner and contained the famous line, "Build it and they will come." Well, as the bowling mats and all the other pieces of equipment were being set out (at approximately 6.45pm) in preparation for the first night of the Summer Fun Bowls, I started to wonder will they come? By 7.15pm all of my questions had been answered. All four mats were in action, with more bowlers to come. I think that we are truly blessed.

The community of bowlers have come together for another few months of fun bowling. We meet some of the bowlers during the year at various matches and others we just meet at the Summer Fun Bowls. However, we meet as bowlers for fun and fellowship, and of course a cup of tea or coffee. In fact, I have come to realise just how important the tea/coffee break actually is. All sorts of stories are exchanged. The bowlers and friends who come along each week are just glad to be out and about, enjoying a good chat. I believe that coming to the Summer Fun Bowls puts a smile on faces and spirits are lifted.

Motor Neurone Disease (MND) is one of this year's chosen charities and monies collected from the Summer Fun Bowls will be donated to this very worthwhile charity. However, depending on funds, there may be another charity supported as well.

I would like to thank all who came along and supported us at our garden stall at this year's Spring Fair.



Normal club bowling will restart on Wednesday 3rd September and I would like to invite anyone who has not tried indoor bowling before, and is interested in doing so, to come along and have a go. You might even enjoy the sport of indoor bowling.

(G. Curry)

Online Services



We continue to offer Online Services and Bible Studies. These are made available on YouTube, Facebook, our website and the dial-in facility. Thank you to everyone who makes this possible.

Each week, our online service is available on YouTube from 11am and it is then released on Facebook, our website, and the dial-in facility at 12.30pm. If anyone would like to learn more about the livestream system or be willing to help on a rota basis, please speak to the Rector or Rev Louise.

Choir News



The choir are having a well-earned break until September. We have been practicing one or two new hymns and also the anthem for our Harvest Festival.

The Spring Fair was a great success and the weather was kind to us this year. We had wall-to-wall sunshine all day. The hamper donated by the choir was balloted and raised £139. £80 was also raised at the knitting stall (many thanks to all our talented knitters).

I hope you are all enjoying the great weather and if you are going off somewhere spectacular, have a lovely time and safe travels.

Choir practices resume on Thursday 4th September at 7.30pm. As always, we would welcome new members to join us. Just speak to Jane or anyone in the choir. You will be so welcome.

Wishing all our parishioners a blessed and happy summer.

KEEP SINGING.

Joan

Bakery Stall



We would like to convey our thanks to everyone who has supported the Bakery Stall during the first year of this venture.

To those who gave of their time and skills to produce the variety of breads and cakes on offer, we want to thank you. Without your support this venture would not be possible. That is also true of the faithful customers who turn up each month or place advance orders, which is very encouraging.

The result of your support is that **£2,028** has been raised in the first year for Church funds.

With your ongoing support we intend to continue this venture on the first Saturday of every month (except January)

We look forward to seeing our regular customers and would be hopeful that more parishioners would become involved either as contributors or customers.

Thank you

Newtownabbey Churches Fellowship

On Sunday 8th June we gathered with other local churches in Carnmoney Presbyterian Church at 6.30pm for a Pentecost Praise Service. It was encouraging to see this service well attended and a number of different church leaders taking part. The main speaker was Phil Emerson from Emmanuel Church, Lurgan, and he spoke with passion and insight.

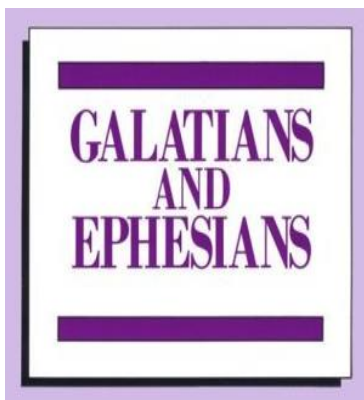


Further plans have been made for us to be able to join together in mission and ministry with other local churches. Work is underway for Bible Week 2026 and more details will be released as soon as possible.

Please do pray for the continued work of the Newtownabbey Churches Fellowship, particularly that even more churches would get involved.

Bible Study

Last year we focused on Nehemiah and met faithfully each Tuesday evening, either in-person or online, for a total of twenty-seven different Bible studies. We were consistently challenged to draw close to God and remain entirely committed to Him. We concluded our journey on Tuesday 13th May with an end of year Holy Communion service.



We will commence our new study series on Tuesday 9th September at 7.30pm in the Carntall Room. This year we will be returning to the New Testament as we focus on two of the letters of Paul: Galatians and Ephesians. The biblical scholar William Barclay once suggested, "There is no more interesting body of documents in the New Testament than the letters of Paul. That is because of all the forms of literature a letter is most personal." We will have only twelve chapters between both letters but there is so much for us to engage with and reflect upon.

As we embark on a new season of study, please do plan to join with us. If you have never been to the study group before, or haven't been recently, we would be delighted to have you with us as we gather around God's Word.

Safeguarding Trust

Our Parish is committed to the Church of Ireland Safeguarding Trust policy. Should you have any concerns regarding the welfare of children in the Parish, please contact a member of the Parish Panel:

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John Nesbitt

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Joan Mackey

028 90 775366

Women's Guild

Here we are at the end of another year and what a busy year we have had! The Spring Fair was hugely successful and I would like to thank everyone who baked, set up the stall and manned it on the actual day. Thanks are also due to everyone who helped out in the tearoom, which was like a well-oiled machine.



In May we had a lovely meeting with Rosie Diffin and we thank her for sharing her journey with us. It was truly inspirational. Our year concluded with our AGM and we discussed the following:

- Julie Parkinson delivered our financial report. We agreed that we would donate £350 to church funds. The money left from the Bring & Buy Sale would be used to purchase tablecloths for any future events.
- The Committee for the year ahead is: Leeanne Kelly, Julie Parkinson, Julie Robinson, Emma Robinson and Karen Henry.
- Fees will remain at £10 for the year and it was agreed to keep the start time at 7.30pm.
- Members agreed to continue to host the home-baked stall at the Parish Fairs.
- It was suggested that we serve tea/coffee at the beginning of each evening so it can be enjoyed as our speaker is presenting. We will trial this for the first few months.
- We discussed the prospect of a winter break in January / February when numbers are down significantly or we have had to cancel speakers. Instead of a midweek meeting, we thought about having a coffee morning on the second Saturday of January and February. This can be discussed further in September and we can try the January coffee morning and see how it goes.
- We agreed to host a barn dance as a fundraiser in March 2026. Details to be confirmed.
- If anyone has any suggestions about speakers, please let me know.

We are looking forward to the year ahead and we have made plans for 2025 / 2026.

September	Watoto Restoration Tour (Wednesday 24th September)
October	David Hume (rescheduled from January 2025)
November	Christmas Craft Night (TBC)
December	Trip to Theatre at the Mill, Wednesday 10 th December 2025, to watch Belfast Actually 2. This will cost £24 per ticket (discount will be applied if we have over a certain amount). Please let me know by the beginning of September if you are interested in going as I will need to make the payment by October to confirm the seats.
January	Tea/Coffee Morning – Saturday Morning
February	Tea/Coffee Morning – Saturday Morning
March	Barn Dance
April, May and June	To Be Confirmed

We have already started thinking about next year's annual outing in June. We are open for suggestions and the possibility of taking the train to Londonderry has been mentioned. We could have a tour of St. Columb's Cathedral, some time to shop at Foyle'side and then return home on the train. With ever-increasing costs, I can only imagine that the price will be around £45-£50. To help spread this out, we would be happy to collect £5 per month from September.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank the current committee for all their help and commitment over the last year. Pat Flint has decided not to continue as a committee member and I would like to offer my sincere thanks to Pat for her hard work and guidance over the last few years. I am looking forward to having Karen Henry join the committee to help us with the running of the Women's Guild.

I hope you all have a lovely summer break and look forward to seeing you in September.

God Bless,

Leeanne

Bric-A-Brac



Our Saturday morning bric-a-brac sale continues to be brilliantly supported and the sales have been going well. The Rector was recently presented with a cheque for £4000 from the bric-a-brac team and this money will be used to support the ongoing mission and ministry of Mossley Parish. We are thankful to the bric-a-brac team who give so willingly of their time.

We are really pleased that the sale of homemade cakes, buns and breads is continuing on the first Saturday of each month. Sincere thanks to all who make this possible. Please do come early and grab yourself a treat for the weekend!

The bric-a-brac will be taking a well-deserved break on Saturday 12th July and Saturday 19th July. We would also like to appeal for volunteers who could offer some of their time in helping to set the bric-a-brac out on a Friday afternoon or putting it away around noon on Saturdays. If you can help, even on a rota basis, please speak to the Rector or Alec Orr. (02890836286).

Rector's Annual Leave

Please note that the Rector will be on annual leave from Friday 11th July until Saturday 2nd August (inclusive). During this time all pastoral emergencies should be directed to Rev Louise Bowes. Rev Louise's contact details can be found on page 3 of this magazine.

Girls' Brigade

GB may be on a summer break but that doesn't mean we're not busy! Recently Danielle and Emma were invited to a special presentation service where they received their Queen's Award certificates. The girls were able to invite family, friends and their mentors for this very special occasion. Danielle has offered the following reflection on the various tasks she and Emma had to complete to earn their reward.

"I really enjoyed completing my Queen's Award over the past two years. It involved many different aspects that we had to do, including two initiative tests, a study paper, forty-eight hours of volunteering over six months, a project and the final interview. My favourite part was definitely the volunteering. Emma and I went to a local sheltered dwelling every Thursday evening to play board games with the residents and have a wee chat. I was very nervous for the final interview but the panel were really nice and made me feel at ease.

At our most recent GB Parent's Night I received my Queen's Award badge from Louise, who I chose as my mentor. On the 16th May we headed to Drumreagh Presbyterian in Ballymoney to receive our certificates with all the other Queen's Award recipients. It was a really lovely evening. We were able to invite some of our friends, family and a few residents of the sheltered dwelling where we volunteered, which made it so much more special."



Julie and Emma were invited to represent GBNi in London at the 80th anniversary of VE Day. We were extremely proud to attend the concert at Horse Guard's Parade and we were delighted to see King Charles and Camilla, and the Prince and Princess of Wales. It was a whirlwind twenty-four hours but many memories were made.

The Officers and Leaders wish everyone a relaxing summer break.

Badminton Club

The Badminton Club has now concluded for the summer but plans to recommence in September. During the past year it was great to see everyone having fun and playing badminton on Thursday evenings. All new members will be made very welcome in September.



Kidz Klub

Kidz Klub has concluded for the summer months but will return on Saturday 6th September. We were delighted to see many new children coming along this year and we look forward to welcoming everyone back after the summer break.



On the first Saturday night of each month Kidz Klub meets in the Parish Centre. This is a club for children from nursery school age to P3. Each night, Kidz Klub begins at 5.30pm and finishes at 6.45pm. There are games, crafts and other activities for the children to enjoy. For further details please speak to Elaine Maxwell.

Youth Club



The Youth Club concluded for the summer break on Saturday 17th May and the tuck shop was almost completely sold out. We will have to undertake a major restocking exercise before September!

It is hoped that the Youth Club will recommence on Saturday 6th September from 7pm - 9pm and it is open to children from P4 up to Second Year (Year 9). Any new members will be made welcome. The Youth Club meets every Saturday during term time in the Parish Centre costing £1 per night.

There will be plenty of arts & crafts, as well as football, badminton, pool, the Wii, Xbox and board games. We promise that the tuck shop will be well stocked with all our usual favourites.

Last year the places at Youth Club were filled in a couple of days. This is a tremendous blessing and we are incredibly thankful. However, it also means that we do require more leaders in order to comply with the necessary safeguarding ratios. If anyone is able to help out on a Saturday night, even on a rota basis, this would be greatly appreciated. Please speak to the Rector or Rev Louise for further details about what would be involved.

Dove Tots

Dove Tots concluded for the summer break on Friday 16th May. It was great to see so many children with their parents / carers and we had extra treats for our final session.



A massive thank you to all who came along on Friday 13th June to help with the toy clean and cupboard clear-out. Many hands do indeed make light work!

We have been really blessed to see so many children in the Parish Centre each Friday and we look forward to starting back again in September.

Tea Brew



We all enjoy being able to gather for a cup of tea / coffee after our 11am service each Sunday. Sincere thanks to everyone on the Tea Brew rota and Mrs Winnie Millar who organises the monthly rota.

July 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

Pat Moore, Julie Parkinson and Joanne Graham

August 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st

Pat Flint, Grace Orr and Sylvia Sloan

September 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

Julie Robinson, Freda Luney and Pamela Marron

If you haven't yet come along for a cuppa after the service, you will be made most welcome! We would also like to say a massive "THANK YOU" to all who join the fellowship after the Sunday morning service for tea/coffee. Through your voluntary contributions the following donations were made between March 2024 and March 2025:

Christian Aid	£50
N.I. Children's Hospice	£300
Church Funds	£900
Earl Haig Benevolent Fund	£50
Watoto Children's Choir	£50
Total:	£1,350.00



Flower Rota

We are blessed to have beautiful flowers in our church building every week. Sincere thanks to those who work so faithfully in providing beautiful displays and everyone who donates so generously in memory of loved ones.

July / August	Silk
7 th September	Liz Holmes
21 st September	Edith Kearney
5 th October (Harvest)	Lillian Smyth
19 th October	Cynthia Markwell



Christian Aid

Sincere thanks to everyone who donated to Christian Aid during our recent collection. We are delighted to announce that £401.50 has been raised.

Club J, Creche & Ignite Youth

On Sunday 18th May our Parish family gathered at 11am for a time of celebration at our annual Children and Youth Sunday. Creche, Club J and Ignite Youth led us in a vibrant service, reflecting on a year filled with learning, growth and God's abundant blessings.



Club J and Creche delighted us with a colourful display of artwork and a thoughtful acrostic poem spelling out "Thankfulness." This theme has been central to our learning throughout the year and the creative expressions reminded us of the importance of gratitude in our daily lives.

A particularly moving moment was when the children undertook a "Walk Through Psalm 23." Each line of the Psalm was brought to life with symbolic objects and reflections, helping us to reflect on these timeless words through fresh eyes. It was a powerful and imaginative way to connect Scripture with everyday living.



Our Ignite Youth Group brought energy and inspiration with their rendition of Chris Renzema's "Springtime." They also shared insights from their study of the Book of Daniel, highlighting lessons of courage, faith and trust in God.

As the service drew to a close, we celebrated the achievements of all the children and young people with a presentation of prizes. We also thanked the parents, guardians, and especially the dedicated leaders who give so much of their time and love to support and guide our young people in their Christian faith.

At the conclusion of our celebrations, everyone was treated to a surprise visit from an ice cream van! With the sun shining and laughter in the air, it was a perfect way to end a truly memorable day.

As we head into the summer months, we continue to pray for our children - that they may be safe, refreshed and return in September ready for another year of discovery, fellowship, and faith.

Every blessing and have a lovely summer,

Kim





**Sunday 18th May
Children & Youth
Celebration
Service**



Antrim & Newtownabbey Street Pastors



Recently I was out with the Street Pastors on a patrol that normally includes Rathcoole, Monkstown, Mayfield and Mossley. We meet at Glengormley Presbyterian Church at around 7.30pm and are normally on patrol by 8pm. Our two Prayer Pastors for the night came to the church and joined with us.

Before heading out onto the streets, we prayed about the area and we gave thanks to God for His goodness and love.

We also prayed about the political situation, locally and internationally. Having reflected on the desperate state of affairs in our world today, we concluded that the best thing we could do is hand it all over to God. Personally, I have known for some time how easy it is to hand things to God and, within a few seconds, take them all back. Our Prayer Pastors are particularly good at reminding us of the central role that God has in our lives and the peace that He affords each of us.

Once we started the patrol, we left the Church and called at Lillian Bland Park. There were actually very few people about on such a lovely evening. One man was in the car park and he was having trouble getting a 'jump start' from his friend. We stopped to offer then some assistance and during the conversation that followed we discovered that one of these men had a large quantity of eggs thrown at the windows of his home a few weeks ago. He explained that he was not originally from this county, although he has now lived here for a considerable period of time. Given the recent level of unrest, and the attack on his home, his wife has now become worried for the safety of their children. We sought to listen to him and offer reassurance.

As our evening progressed, we went back into Glengormley and called into McDonalds and Tim Hortons. We also stopped in Rathcoole, although the band parade had concluded, and then we made our way to Mossley Pavilion, where we met a small group of young people. Our evening ended as it had started, with a time of prayer. I contacted the Prayer Pastors to let them know that we were concluding for the night and that we were all well. I also informed them of our meeting with the man in Lillian Bland Park and they will continue to pray for him and his family.

Antrim and Newtownabbey Street Pastors held their AGM in the Carntall Room on 20th May. I am Secretary for another year and I am always looking for recruits to bolster our numbers! If anyone is remotely interested, I can fix you up with a rather nice uniform and some training where you will meet new friends and be able to do something different on at least one night (Friday or Saturday) each month.

May the Lord bless each and every one of you for your continued support of this amazing ministry and outreach.

Bob

Mossley Mission Group

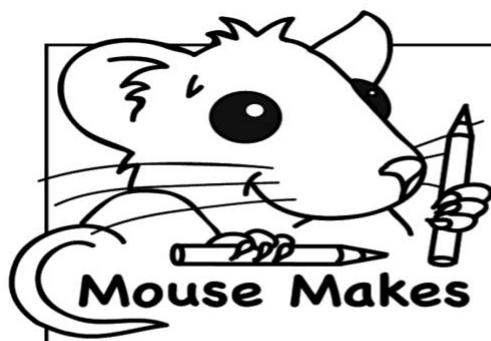
We had a meeting of our Mission Group on Thursday 22nd May and we spent some time making plans for a couple of events. The first of these was a Table Quiz and this was held on Thursday 19th June. It was encouraging to see a good number of parishioners and their family / friends in attendance. We had a great night of fun and the scores were impressively high. Sincere thanks to everyone who came along and all who helped out in any way. We were delighted that £455 was raised in support of our mission partners. Some photos of the evening are included below.



Our Mission Group are busy preparing for a concert that will be held on Friday 3rd October. This promises to be a great evening and tickets will be available in early September. More details will be released in the next edition of this magazine.

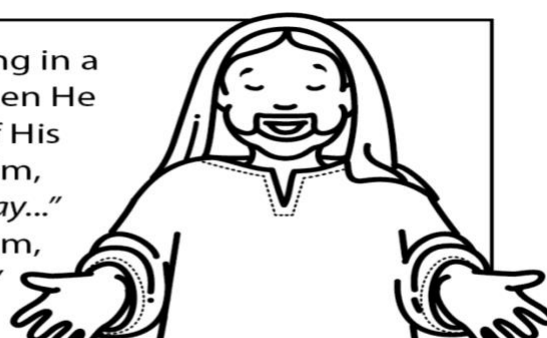
We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued prayerful and financial support of our mission partners in Tansen Hospital and SAMS Ireland. Your commitment and dedication are greatly appreciated.

Challenge Time



Mouse Makes

"Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, 'Lord, teach us to pray...' And He said to them, 'When you pray, say...'"




Our _____
in _____,
hallowed be your
_____, your
_____ come,
your _____ be done,
on _____ as it is in
_____.

Give us today our daily
_____.


_____ us our
S _____ as we forgive
those who sin against us.
Lead us not into

but _____
us from _____.

For the kingdom,
the _____ and
the _____ are
yours now and forever.
Amen




D	T	E	O	P	R	G	O	D
F	E	E	B	R	E	A	D	I
O	M	G	T	O	P	P	G	S
R	P	W	R	T	E	O	L	C
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F	O	R	G	I	V	E	V	E
A	M	E	N	W	O	R	L	D
I	L	F	L	J	E	S	U	S




Fill in the missing words of the Lord's Prayer then find them and these extra words in the word search:

LORD'S PRAYER
DISCIPLES
JESUS
GOD
WORLD
NEEDS
FORGIVENESS
TRESPASSES
PROTECTION
REPENTANCE



The versions of **The Lord's Prayer** we say today come from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke.

Which version do you use in your church?



Read
Matthew 6:9-15
and
Luke 11:1-4

